

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An embossing and laminating device for embossing and joining together plies of web material, comprising: a supporting structure ~~(7)~~; a first embossing cylinder ~~(9)~~ provided with first protuberances ~~(9P)~~; a first pressure roller ~~(21)~~ cooperating with said first embossing cylinder ~~(9)~~; a second embossing cylinder ~~(11)~~, provided with second protuberances ~~(11P)~~; a second pressure roller ~~(23)~~ cooperating with said second embossing cylinder ~~(11)~~; ~~characterized in that wherein~~ at least said first embossing cylinder and said second embossing cylinder ~~(9, 11)~~ are carried by an interchangeable assembly ~~or sub-structure (7), which can be mounted on and removed from the fixed mountable on and removable from the supporting structure.~~

2. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said first embossing cylinder and said second embossing cylinder ~~(9, 11)~~ are carried by said interchangeable assembly, while said first pressure roller and said second pressure roller ~~(21, 23)~~ are carried by the fixed supporting structure.

3. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that further comprising~~ actuator members ~~(33, 35)~~ are positioned on said fixed supporting structure

to press the first pressure rollers roller and the second pressure roller against the first embossing cylinders cylinder and the second embossing cylinder.

4. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first embossing cylinder and said second embossing cylinder are positioned on said interchangeable assembly in phase with each other.

5. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first embossing cylinder and said second embossing cylinder are phased so that the first respective protuberances and the second protuberances are arranged in a tip-to-tip configuration.

6. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first embossing cylinder and said second embossing cylinder are phased so that the respective first protuberances and the second protuberances are in a nested configuration.

7. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a laminating roller ~~(12)~~ is mounted on said interchangeable assembly, cooperating with said first embossing cylinder or said second embossing cylinder.

8. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in ~~one or more of the previous claims,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said interchangeable assembly carries means to

transmit motion from the first embossing cylinder to the second embossing cylinder.

9. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that wherein said means to transmit motion from the first embossing cylinder to the second embossing cylinder comprise a pair of gears keyed on the respective axles of the first embossing cylinder and of the second embossing cylinder.

10. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that wherein said gears are immersed in an oil bath.

11. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in one or more of the previous claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein said supporting structure comprises a kinematic transmission (41) of movement from a source of motion (39) to said first embossing cylinder or said second embossing cylinder.

12. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that wherein said kinematic transmission comprises a motorized wheel and a belt (41) to transmit motion to said first embossing cylinder or said second embossing cylinder.

13. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in one or more of the previous claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein said supporting structure (37) comprises two sides

with substantially vertically extending portions, in which slots  $\langle 3B \rangle$  are provided, inside of which corresponding portions  $\langle 13A \rangle$  of sides  $\langle 13 \rangle$  of said interchangeable assembly  $\langle 7 \rangle$  are inserted, the an axle  $\langle 9A \rangle$  of the first embossing cylinder being positioned inside said slots when the interchangeable assembly is mounted on the supporting structure.

14. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in ~~claims 11 and 13, characterized in that claim 11, wherein~~ said kinematic transmission transmits motion to said first embossing cylinder.

15. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 13, ~~or 14, characterized in that wherein on the an~~ opposite side of said vertically extending portions from said interchangeable assembly said structure carries a gluing unit  $\langle 5 \rangle$ , cooperating with said first embossing cylinder.

16. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in ~~one or more of the previous claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ at least one of said first pressure roller and said second pressure roller is supported by a pair of arms  $\langle 25, 29 \rangle$  oscillating around an axis  $\langle 27, 31 \rangle$  fixed in relation to said supporting structure  $\langle 3 \rangle$  to adopt at least two different operating positions.

17. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that wherein said second pressure roller is supported in such a way as to adopt at least two different operating positions is the second pressure roller.

18. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in one or more of the previous claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein one of said first embossing cylinder and said second embossing cylinder is supported on said interchangeable assembly by arms (17) oscillating around an axis (19) fixed in relation to said interchangeable assembly.

19. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that wherein when the interchangeable assembly is mounted on the supporting structure, said oscillating arms (17) carrying said one of the first embossing cylinder and the second embossing cylinder cooperate with at least an actuator (37) which presses said first embossing cylinder and said second embossing cylinder against each other.

20. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in one or more of the previous claims, characterized in that it comprises claim 1, further comprising means for quickly clamping said interchangeable assembly on said supporting structure.

21. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in one or more of the previous claims, characterized in that it

~~comprises claim 1, further comprising at least two interchangeable assemblies differing which differ from each other.~~

22. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in ~~one or more of the previous claims, characterized in that claim 21, wherein said at least two interchangeable assembly or~~ assemblies are movable on guides to be translated towards or away from said fixed supporting structure.

23. (Currently Amended) Device as claimed in ~~one or more of the previous claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ a gluing unit {5} is mounted on said supporting structure.